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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Norbert P. Kusters et al.	Examiner:	Neveen Abel Jalil
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Title:	OPTIMIZING DEFRAGMENTATION OPERATIONS IN A DIFFERENTIAL SNAPSHOTTER		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d): I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile to (571) 273-8300, Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, Attn: Examiner Neveen Abel Jalil, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 22, 2007.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 23, 2006, said period of response being extended from September 23, 2006 to December 23, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 the amount of $2,520, $1,020 of which is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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